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Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

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Shlomo Melmed, MD received his medical degree with distinction from the University of Cape Town, School of Medicine in 1970. At Cedars-Sinai since 1980, he is now Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and Dean of the Medical Faculty. He is also Professor and Associate Dean of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Medicine, and Director of the Research Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Dr. Melmed is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, certified in Endocrinology & Metabolism; a fellow of the American College of Physicians and elected to Master of the ACP; an elected member of the Association of American Physicians and the American Society of Clinical Investigation; recipient of the Endocrinology Medal of the Royal Society of Medicine; Endocrine Society Clinical Investigator Award; the Society of Endocrinology Transatlantic Medal; the Pituitary Society's Lifetime Achievement Awards; and is listed in BEST Doctors of America.

Dr. Melmed's laboratory has been consistently funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from 1980-2016, and he has trained over 60 physicians, scientists and graduate students who occupy leading positions in academic endocrinology worldwide. His research is devoted to molecular pathogenesis and treatment of pituitary tumors and growth factor regulation of anterior pituitary function. He has pioneered the discovery and application of novel treatments for endocrine tumors and is a recognized international authority on pituitary medicine. Dr. Melmed is acknowledged as a plenary speaker at multiple national and international meetings and is the author of over 300 peer-reviewed articles in prestigious publications. He edits The Pituitary, co-edits Endocrinology: Basic and Clinical Principles, DeGroot and Jameson's Textbook of Endocrinology, and Williams Textbook of Endocrinology; and is pituitary section author for Harrison's Textbook of Medicine, Editor-in-Chief of Pituitary, and is on the editorial board of Journal of Clinical Investigation and past Editor-in-Chief of Endocrinology.

Having served on the NIH Endocrinology Study Section, he also has chaired Special Endocrine Study Sections. He was President and founding member of the Pituitary Society, co-chairs its Program Committee, and was an elected member of the Endocrine Society

Council. He was President of the International Society of Endocrinology and a member of the Executive Board Committee, and a Director of the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP).

Alternate Member

Leon Fine, M.D.

*Vice Dean of Research and Research Graduate Education, Chair, Biomedical Sciences
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center*

Dr. Leon Fine was born in Cape Town, South Africa, and obtained his medical degree from the University of Cape Town in 1966. He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the Tel Hashomer Hospital and Tel Aviv University Medical School. He completed his fellowship in Nephrology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York where he was appointed Assistant Professor of Medicine. Following two years at the University Of Miami School Of Medicine, he moved to UCLA in 1978 as Associate Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Nephrology. He was appointed Professor of Medicine in 1982.

In 1991 Dr Fine moved to University College London, UK, where he served as Chairman of the Division of Medicine and Head of the Department of Medicine at the Royal Free and University College Medical School for 11 years. From 2002 - 2006 he was Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences at University College London.

He was elected President of the Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland in 1993, and was made a founding fellow of the UK Academy of Medical Sciences in 1999. From 2002-2006, he was a non-executive director of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence.

He returned to Los Angeles in 2007 to take up a position at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and the University of California Los Angeles, where he is Professor of Biomedical Sciences and Medicine. At Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Dr Fine currently serves as Vice-Dean for Research and Research Education and Chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences. In this capacity he oversees the graduate program in Biomedical Research and Translational Medicine, the Clinical Scholars Program and the Post-doctoral Scientist Program and provides leadership to faculty with a wide range of basic scientific groups in Research Divisions and Research Institutes within the Department.

He has served on the editorial boards of numerous Nephrology journals and is currently Editor-in-Chief of Nephron, the longest-standing journal in the field of Nephrology. He has been honored with numerous visiting professorships at academic institutions around the world and has delivered invited lectures at international Nephrology meetings. He has served as Chair of the History Committee of the International Society of Nephrology for over a decade.

Dr. Fine's principal research interest is in the biology of chronic renal disease and he has made important contributions to the understanding of adaptations of ion transport in the diseased nephron, cellular mechanisms of renal hypertrophy, the biology of fibrogenesis and scarring of the kidney and the role of chronic hypoxia as a mechanism of progression of chronic kidney disease. His current interest is in renal regeneration.

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